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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Ms. Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Keystone Building 2nd Floor, Room-N201

RE: Docket M-2017-2631527, Implementation of Act 40 of 2017

Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

On January 6, 2018, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission issued a tentative order for the implementation of Act 40. The order outlines an interpretation of the solar credit trading language contained in Act 40. The Nature Conservancy notes with interest the comments submitted by State Senator Scavello¹, as well as those submitted by other legislators, that the interpretation issued in the tentative order runs counter to the intent of the legislation.

Concurrent with the release of the tentative order, Chairman Gladys Brown and Vice Chairman Andrew Place offered a statement providing for supplemental interpretation of the solar language contained in Act 40. In agreement with the comments submitted by Senator Scavello, The Nature Conservancy believes that the interpretation offered by Commissioners Brown and Place to be consistent with the intent of the Act. We urge the Commission to adopt this interpretation

Sincerely,

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¹ Comments from Senator Mario Scavello, submitted 12/27/17 http://www.puc.pa.gov/pcdocs/1548113.pdf